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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH SWAPO

REF: CAPE TOWN 364

1. IN RESPONSE TO CAPE TOWN'S SUGGESTION (REFTEL), CONTACT GROUP AGREED AD REFERENDUM MARCH 1 THAT LOW-KEY APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE TO SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA URGING RESTRAINT IN THEIR ACTIVITIES ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER OF NAMIBIA. THE APPROACH TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS
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HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE TALKING POINTS FOR USE IN PROPOSED INFORMAL MEETING WITH BOTHA (SEPTTEL). WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS IN LUSAKA SHOULD ARRANGE FOR APPROACH TO BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO IN NUJOMA'S ABSENCE. (SIMILAR APPROACH WILL BE MADE IN NEW YORK TO SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB.)

2. APPROACH TO SWAPO SHOULD BE MADE ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:

(A) WE NOTE WITH CONCERN REPORTS OF INCREASED HOSTILITIES
ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER OF NAMIBIA. OUR CONCERN IS
BASED ON OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT THE INCREASED LEVEL OF SUCH
HOSTILITIES CAN ONLY DAMAGE THE CHANCES FOR AN INTER-
NATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. IN LIGHT OF THE PROGRESS
WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE IN THE PROXIMITY TALKS IN
NEW YORK, WE URGE SWAPO TO SHOW RESTRAINT IN ITS ACTIVITIES
ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER IN THE HOPE THAT SUCH RESTRAINT
CAN RESULT IN THE EASING OF TENSIONS SO NECESSARY FOR A
PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

(B) IN THIS REGARD, WE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE CAPTURED A
SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER. WE WELCOME YOUR STATEMENTS
THAT HE IS BEING AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE WELL-TREATED,
SINCE IF THIS WERE NOT THE CASE, THE CHANCES FOR AN EARLY
SETTLEMENT WOULD CERTAINLY BE REDUCED.

(C) WE ARE MAKING A SIMILAR APPROACH TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS.
UNLESS HOSTILITIES ARE REDUCED BY BOTH SIDES, A RELAXATION
OF TENSIONS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED. YOUNG

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